



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : John Smit  
Serial No. : 09/743,731  
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Title : CLEAVAGE OF CAULOBACTER PRODUCED RECOMBINANT FUSION PROTEINS

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Art Unit : 1652  
Examiner : David J. Steadman

**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated September 17, 2003, be extended for three months to and including March 17, 2004.

Enclosed is a check for \$950 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 08106-004001.

Respectfully submitted,

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